

Goodhue as captain of the Third Military Foot Company in Salem, signed by the Massachusetts colonial governor. We also have a *View in Hudson's River of the entrance to Topan See, sketched . . . by Pownall*, dated 1761.

At this time, with the death of a great President ending a great dynasty, as it were, it is interesting to note the long association of the Roosevelt family with this Library. It began, in fact, before he Library's beginnings.

In 1730, John Roosevelt was one of a committee named to receive the books bequeathed by the Reverend John Millington of England to the Plantations in America, and sent out to New York "in the good ship Alexander." These were placed in the City Hall becoming the Corporation Library, and in 1754 formed a part of the collection that the newly founded New York Society Library agreed to care for and administer in exchange for the use of a room of its own in the City Hall. The Millington books were finally absorbed into the Library's collection where some of them perhaps still exist—if only we knew which they were.

In 1789 when the Library resumed its course after the Revolution, James and Cornelius Roosevelt, the latter the great, great greatuncle of President Theodore Roosevelt, each bought a share. In 1791 Nicholas J. Roosevelt acquired a share by depositing the equivalent of its value—five pounds—in books. We have the record of this transaction, and the list of the nineteen volumes, apparently all novels, one called *Love and Madness*.

Elbert Roosevelt became a member in 1793. Catherine Louisa Roosevelt bought a share in 1823 which she left to her son James H. Roosevelt, the founder of Roosevelt Hospital. James J. Roosevelt became a member in 1839 by the merging of the New York Athenaeum with the Library. Robert B. Roosevelt bought a share in 1856, Theodore Roosevelt, the father of President Theodore inherited his father's share in 1874. The Roosevelt names in each generation, too numerous to list, show that there was no year after 1789 when some of the family were not using the Library. The wives of the two President Roosevelts own shares, and the children and grandchildren of the first have either shares or subscriptions.

We have had the benefit of two members of the family on the Library Board—Mr. W. Emlen Roosevelt from 1906 to 1920 and Mr. Philip J. Roosevelt from 1934 to 1941. Now we feel pleasure in welcoming one again, Mr. Nicholas Roosevelt, one hundred and fifty

years after an earlier Nicholas Roosevelt purchased his share, not with a handful of beads but with a handful of light reading.

The recataloging of the books continues, approximately 37,000 books having been catalogued to date. Antiquities, Fine arts, History, Travel, Sociology and the entire foreign collection are now classified and catalogued under the Dewey Decimal arrangement.

Classes from the Library schools connected with Columbia University and St. John's University have visited the Library. The Librarian has also continued her work in an advisory capacity to the Red Cross Gray Ladies serving as Hospital Librarians in the Metropolitan area.

The scarcity of fuel forced the Library to close Mondays and Tuesdays from February 1st to March 15th and the fires were then banked over the long week ends. In normal times we would have used approximately 80 tons of coal. By shutting off stacks and floors we used 60 tons in the winter of 1942-1943, burned 63 tons in 1943-1944 and were cut to 53 tons in 1944-1945. What next winter holds for us, no one knows!

In closing, the Librarian wishes to thank the members of the Board of Trustees and the Library staff for their cooperation and support in the administration of the Library during the past year.

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